

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 11/20/03.

### I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for E1399 (Spine reliever bed wedge and knee wedge).

### II. FINDINGS

The respondent reduced payment for the durable medical equipment based upon "Z029 M-Bill was reimbursed per the insurance carrier's fair and reasonable allowance".

### III. RATIONALE

The following table identifies the disputed services and Medical Review Division's rationale:

DOS	CPT CODE	BILLED	PAID	EOB Denial Code	MARS	REFERENCE	RATIONALE:
12/10/02	E1399	\$185.00	\$148.00	M	DOP	The 1996 MFG General Instructions GR III Durable Medical Equipment GR VIII & IX  Section 413.011 (b)	The requestor provided redacted EOBs from insurance carriers paying \$185.00 for E1399 misc. durable medical equipment. It is not clear if this is the same item as the one in dispute, therefore does not support a change in reimbursement. Additional reimbursement is not recommended.
12/10/02	E1399	\$385.00	\$308.00	M	DOP		The requestor provided redacted EOBs from insurance carriers paying \$385.00 for E1399 misc. durable medical equipment. It is not clear if this is the same item as the one in dispute, therefore does not support a change in reimbursement. Additional reimbursement is not recommended.
<b>Totals</b>		\$570.00	\$456.00				The Requestor is not entitled to reimbursement.

### IV. DECISION

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is not** entitled to reimbursement.

The above Findings, Decision is hereby issued this 04th day of May 2004.

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